

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney (FL-16) today released the following statement in support of the Middle Class Tax Relief & Job Creation Act, which the House is expected to consider today:

“Middle class families in Florida and across the country cannot afford a tax hike. The Middle Class Tax Relief & Job Creation Act will extend the payroll tax holiday to ensure that families trying to make ends meet don't have to pay more to Uncle Sam.

“With unemployment still above 10 percent in Florida and nearly nine percent nationwide, tax relief for middle class families should not be paid for by increasing taxes on the small businesses we need to create jobs and grow the economy. Our bill is fully paid by reducing government spending and by implementing necessary reforms to federal programs, not through job-destroying tax hikes.

“For Florida's seniors, this package includes two important provisions. Our bill protects social security, which is funded through payroll taxes, by directing savings in the legislation to replenish the social security trust fund. The bill also ensures that seniors have continued access to doctors by preventing massive reimbursement cuts to physicians who treat Medicare patients.

“The package we've proposed will help the private sector create jobs right away by ending the President's political delay over the Keystone Pipeline. Opening the pipeline will create at least 20,000 jobs, while improving our national security by making us less dependent for oil on countries that wish us harm. If the President won't set electoral politics aside and make the right decision, Congress needs to force his hand.”

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